



**POST DATE: October 18, 2010**

Assistant Defender for Juvenile Justice: The 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is located in the heart of culturally diverse Acadiana, comprising Vermillion, Acadia and Lafayette parishes. The area boasts rich Cajun and Creole history and family-oriented Mardi Gras traditions. It is home to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL), the second largest University in the state. Lafayette is located along I-10, two hours from New Orleans and three hours from Houston. The 15<sup>th</sup> JDC is Louisiana's fourth largest judicial district.

Job Description: Supervision and coordination of representation of indigent clients in all assigned FINS, Delinquency, and CINC cases, and other juvenile justice assignments. Supervision may include intake/processing, collection of background information relating to the client and offense, interviewing clients and witnesses, case investigation, legal research and writing, preparation for court proceedings, representing clients at hearings and/or trials, and other functions.

Requirements: Applicants must possess a law degree from an accredited law school and be licensed to practice law in Louisiana. Experience gained through employment as a practicing attorney in the field of criminal/juvenile defense is desired, but not required. Bilingual capability (Spanish, French, or Vietnamese) is a plus. Positive client-communication skills are essential, as is the ability to independently coordinate a diverse number of resources into sustainable programmatic objectives. Applicants must have the capability to handle fast-paced, intensive case/program development and management.

Salary: This position is a full-time position. Compensation is commensurate with experience, starting at \$55,000 with opportunities for increase, plus health insurance. New public defenders will be trained, free-of charge, at the Louisiana Public Defender Board's Defender Training Institute (DTI), a 7-day intensive skills training with nationally renowned faculty and other Louisiana defenders. Other training and professional development opportunities are available upon request. Full-time public defenders are eligible to apply for student law school loan forgiveness under the John R. Justice Loan Reimbursement Program.

Submission: Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, legal writing sample, and references to the address below. The position will remain open until filled. Questions should be directed to G. Paul Marx at: (337) 232-9345

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